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Mr W Chapman

Dear Friend

I snatch up my pen to
write a few lines, to enclose in my Amis
envelope, though time presses me
very closely, in a peculiar way - We are
here now all in a state of frenzy, in
a state of raging, of madness &
lamentation - Of small account
he who stands as the greatest as-
sailer of universal freedom ^{of this world} before
the whole world - the inmate of a
jail!!! Well be it so. posterity
will tell on whom opprobrium
will rest. The doings of Sir R.
Peel & his government will be laid
in oblation - but the one wound -
deep - indivisible blot will remain
as a deep, engraven stain on the
skin, that he imprisoned & mangled
& dropt to crush the assertions
of the rights of a people by brute
force! But will he achieve his
end? History emphatically answers

No! I will down, but spend the
cause they seek to attend. I do
trust the honest & faithful spi-
rits ^{of your land} will speak out; H. Small,
with his banding the ship, he
has occasionally murder, deserves
the sympathy of the lovers of free-
dom; he has struggled mightily
& I think as a politician stands
about unrevall'd for consistency;
I feel little doubt too but that
there will be a strong burst of
^{indignation} ~~affection~~ from the true hearts of
England - that moral power will
do its work in the hour of trial;
But the North, South, East &
West, speak in unfitting terms
of the way in which justice has
been trampled on or the denial
of a fair trial, of a trial by his
country of H. Small; & I doubt
not but in the end great good
will be achieved. I have still
to be on the midst of morning
& joy; the people are mourning,

but I question whether they are
much cut down: - the trees
are arising & plating fresh ones.
According to them - the Republic
association is to be put down
in a few days - & eternal silence
as regards Republic to be proclaimed
by law: I cannot think the go-
vernment ~~the government~~ will
be so foolish as to attempt
this; but if they do, they will
but unite the lovers of liberty
together; stirring a weight of
indignation against them which
they will be utterly powerless
to resist. But I had better
quit my more scribbling on
the business, for I see pretty
plainly at a glance that this
is nearly illegible - You will
see by the marking ^{at} Excite & such
that there is division & wide
dissension with you, in the
Anti Slavery society; Even our
Committee are divided - Jas Thompson

Admitted on the B. & F. side
of the river, and it will be
myself for free trade; I tell
them I would gladly ^{go} with
them ^{if I could}, but I
am a poor man and well
as can be seen, of Cuba
& Brazilian sugar can not
be kept out by the sword.

I want to write to you
again by this post on this &
the subject, if I can.

Dr. Matthews still
busy ^{at} work - he has now
an able coadjutor here -
Dr. Pratt - who is to be
a joint Superior Judge
to day and I may look
upon - I will -

And regard to all our
outland friends

Sincerely yours
J. M. W.